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BELFAST

Words and music by
Deutscher/Manke Bilsbury

Moderato

Bel - fast

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(Bel - fast) 1) Got to have a be-lief in
2) It's a coun-try that's chang-in'
3) When the child-ren be-lieve in

got to have a be-lief—
Oh it's a coun-try that's chang-
When the child-ren be-lieve—

in, Got to have a be-lief in all the
in, It's a coun-try that's chang-ing all the
in, When the child-ren be-lieve in all the

G

peo - ple 'cos the peo - ple are leav - ing. When the peo - ple be-lieve.
peo - ple 'cos the peo - ple are leav - ing. It's a world that's de-ceiv -
peo - ple 'cos the peo - ple are leav - ing. When the peo - ple are leav -

Cm

in, When the peo - ple be-lieve in,
in, Oh it's a world that's de-ceiv - in,
in, yeah— When the peo - ple are leav - in,

Fm

When the peo - ple be-lieve in all The child-ren 'cos the child-ren are leav - in'.
It's a world that's de-ceiv - in' all The peo - ple, 'cos the peo - ple be-lieve in'.
When the peo - ple are leav - in' all The child-ren 'cos the child-ren are leav - in'.

G

Cm

CHORUS

Bel - fast Bel - fast, When the coun - try rings the liv - ing

bell you're lost, Bel - fast Bel - fast When the hate you have for one an -

oth - er starts you can try (You can try) you can try (You can try) you can try to tell the world the (try) (try)

rea - son why Bel - rea - son why Bel - fast Bel -

Repeat & fade ad lib

C C G F C G C B $\flat$ B $\flat$

BROWN GIRL IN THE RING

Words and music by
Frank Farian and Stefan Klinkhammer

Moderately

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked 'Moderately'. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a mix of chords and arpeggiated figures. Chord diagrams for G, D7, and G are provided above the vocal line at various points. The lyrics are: 'Brown girl in the ring — tra la la la la — there's a brown girl in the ring — tra la la la la. Brown girl in the ring — tra la la la la — she looks like a su - gar in the plum, plum plum. Show me a mo - tion tra la la la la — come on show me a mo - tion'. The score ends with a 'tacet' instruction and an asterisk.

G

Brown girl in the ring — tra la la la la — there's a

D7

brown girl in the ring — tra la la la la. Brown girl in the ring —

G

tra la la la la — she looks like a su - gar in the plum, plum plum.

tacet — *

G

Show me a mo - tion tra la la la la — come on show me a mo - tion

D7

tra la la la la la show me a mo - tion tra la la la la

— she looks like a su - gar in a plum, plum plum.

Old head wa - ter run — dry no-where to wash my

clothes. Old head wa - ter run — dry

got no - where to wash my clothes. I re -

mem - ber_ one ____ Sat - ur - day ____ night we had fried fish and John - ny

1. cakes. I re - cakes, dan - ge dang, 2. dang - a - dang.

Brown girl in the ring ____ tra la la la ____ there's a brown girl
sweet

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment. Chord diagrams for D7 and G are provided above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score is divided into two systems, each with a first and second ending.

in the ring— tra la la la la la. Brown girl in the ring— tra la la la la,

— she looks like a su - gar in a plum, plum plum.

⊕ CODA

Instrumental ad lib.

G D7 G D7 G D7 G Ab

Ab Eb7 1. Ab

Old head wa - ter run - dry no-where to wash my clothes.

2. Ab

clothes. Brown girl in the ring - tra la la la la -

Eb7 Ab

— look that brown girl in the ring - tra la la la la brown girl in the ring -

Ab Eb7 Ab Eb7 Ab Eb7 Ab

tra la la la la - she looks like a su-gar in a plum, plum plum.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four systems. The first system contains the first line of the song. The second system contains the second line, including a first and second ending. The third system contains the third line. The fourth system contains the fourth line. Chord diagrams for Ab major and Eb7 are provided above the vocal line at various points. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

MA BAKER

Words and music by
F. Farian/Reyam/F. Jay

70's style

Medium beat

spoken: "Freeze, -I'm Ma Baker-put your hands in the air, gimme all your money."

spoken: "This is the story of Ma Baker-
(2nd time) *spoken:* "Don't anybody move,

the meanest cat from old Chicago town."
the money or your lives."

VERSES

1. She was the mean - est cat in all Chi - ca - go town, she was the mean - est cat, she real - ly

mowed them down - She had no heart at all - no, no, no heart at all - 2. She was the

Chords: Dm, D $\flat$, C, D $\flat$, Dm, C, B $\flat$, A, Dm, D $\flat$, C, D $\flat$, Dm, C, B $\flat$, A, Dm, C, Am, Dm, Dm, C, Am, Dm, Dm, C, Am, Dm, Am, Dm, Am, Dm.

mean-est cat, — oh she was real - ly tough She left her hus - band flat — he was - n't tough en - ough. She took her trial of crime a - cross the U. S. A. — And when one boy was killed she real - ly made them pay. She had no

Dm C Am Dm Dm C Am Dm

CHORUS

boys a - long 'cos they were mean and strong. (Ma - ma - ma - ma) Ma Bak - er she taught her four sons, — (Ma - ma - ma heart at all — no, no, no heart at all —

Am Dm Am Dm Dm C B♭ Dm/A

ma) Ma Bak - er, to han - dle their guns — (Ma - ma - ma - ma) Ma Bak - er She nev - er could cry — (Ma - ma - ma

Dm C B♭ Dm/A Dm C B♭ Dm/A

To Coda ♪

- ma) Ma Bak - er but she knew how to die. — 3. She left a

Dm C B♭ Dm

4. She met a man she liked, — she thought she'd stay with him, — When he in - formed on them, — they did a -

Dm C Am Dm Dm C

- way with him, — She did - n't care at all, — just did - n't care at all. — spoken: "Here is a

Am Dm Am Dm Am Dm Dm

This system contains the first line of the song. The vocal melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic pattern. Chords are indicated below the bass staff.

special bulletin: Ma Baker is the F.B.I.'s most wanted woman. Her photo is hanging on every post-office wall. If you

C Dm Bb A Dm C

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. The piano part includes some chords with accidentals (sharps and naturals).

have any information about this woman please contact the nearest police-station."

Dm Bb A

D. S. al Coda **CODA**

This system includes the instruction "D. S. al Coda" and a separate Coda section. The Coda is a short musical phrase in 4/4 time.

Dm C Am Dm Dm C Am Dm

This system contains the final line of the song. It features a repeat sign at the beginning and ends with a double bar line.

MARY'S BOY CHILD

Words and music by
Jester Hairston

Andante

B $\flat$ Eb B $\flat$ Eb B $\flat$ F7 Eb B $\flat$

mf

B $\flat$ Eb F7 B $\flat$

mp

Long time a - go in Beth - le - hem so the Ho - ly Bi - ble say,

Ma - ry's Boy Child, Je - sus Christ was born on Christ - mas Day.

✶ REFRAIN

B $\flat$ Eb F7 B $\flat$ Gm Eb F7

mf

Hark, now hear the an - gels sing, a new King born to - day, And

Man will live for ev - er-more, Be - cause of Christ-mas Day. Trum-pets sound and

an - gels sing, list - en to what they say, That Man will live for

ev - er-more, Be - cause of Christ-mas Day. While By and

shep-herds watched their flocks by night, them see a bright new shin - ing star, Them
by they find a lit - tle nook in a sta - ble all for - lorn, And

3rd time to Coda

mp

Chords: Eb Bb F7 Bb

hear a choir sing, the mus-ic seemed to come from a - far. Now Jo-seph and his
in a man-ger cold and dark, Ma-ry's lit-tle Boy was born. Long time a - go in

Chords: Eb F7 Bb Eb

wife, Ma - ry, come to Beth-le - hem that night, Them find no place to born she Child, Not a
Beth - le - hem, so the Ho - ly Bi - ble say, — Ma-ry's Boy Child, Je - sus Christ, was

Chords: Bb F7 Bb

sin-gle room was in sight.
born on Christ - mas Day.

D.S. al Fine

Chords: Bb Eb Bb F7

Day. — Be - cause of Christ-mas

ten. rall.

Chords: Bb Eb Bb

Day.

7 L.H. a tempo

mp rit.

RASPUTIN

Words and music by
F. Farian/Reyam/Jay

Moderato

MAN

1. There
2. He
3. "This

GIRLS

MAN

lived a cer-tain man in Rus-sia long a-go He was big and strong in his eyes a flam-ing glow. Most
ruled the Rus-sian land and nev-er mind the Czar but the Ka-sa-chok he danced real-ly wun-der-bar. In
man's just got-ta go" de-cla-red his en-emies but the la-dies begged don't you try to do it please. No

GIRL

peo-ple looked at him with ter-ror and with fear, but to Mos-cow chicks he was such a love-ly dear.
all af-fairs of state he was the man to please, but he was real great when he had a girl to squeeze.
doubt this Ras-pu-tin had lots of hid-den charms, though he was a brute they just fell in-to his arms.

Bm Em6 F#7

GIRLS

He could preach the bi-ble like a preach-er full of ex-ta-sy and fire.
 For the Queen he was no' wheeler-deal-er though she heard the things he'd done
 Then one night some men of high-er stand-ing set a trap, they're not to blame

Bm Em6 F#7 Bm

But he al- so was the kind of teach-er wo- men would de- sire.
 She be- lieved he was a ho- ly heal-er who would heal her son.
 "Come to vi- sit us" they kept de- man- ding and he real- ly came.

B D E B A E B

GIRLS 1, 2. Ra- ra - ras- pu- tin lo- ver of the Russian queen there was a cat that real- ly was gone —
 MAN 3. Ra- ra - ras- pu- tin lo- ver of the Russian queen they put some pois- on in- to his wine —

B D E B A E B

To Coda ◆

GIRLS 1, 2. Ra- ra ras- pu- tin Rus- sia's great- est love machine it was a shame how he car-ried on. _____
 MAN 3. Ra ra - ras- pu- tin Rus- sia's great- est love- machine he drank it all and said "I feel fine." _____

Bm **A** **Gmaj7** **F#m7** **Bm**

Spoken: But when his drinkin' and lusting, and his hunger for power became known to more and more people, the demands to do

Bm **A** **G** **F#m** **Bm**

something about this outrageous man became louder and louder!

Bm **F#m** **Bm** **1 F#m** **2 F#m D#**
al Coda (no repeat)

Hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey

CODA **B** **D** **E** **B** **A** **E**

1. Ra - ra - ras - pu - tin lo - ver of the Rus - sian queen they did - n't quit, they
 2. Ra - ra - ras - pu - tin Rus - sia's great - est love ma - chine and so they shot him

1 B **2 B** **Bm**

want-ed his head... till he was dead... *Spoken:* Oh those Russians!

RIVERS OF BABYLON

Words and music by
F. Farian/Reyam/Dowe/McMaughton

Group:

mm

G D

ah (ah)

G G

Solo:

By the riv - ers of

G D G G

Ba - by-lon — there we sat down Yeah — we wept

G G D

The musical score is written for a group and a soloist. It begins with a group entry in C major, 4/4 time, marked 'mm' (moderato). The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a more active treble line. The first system includes a key signature change to D major. The second system features vocal entries with the lyrics 'ah' and '(ah)'. The third system is a solo section with the lyrics 'By the riv - ers of'. The fourth system continues the solo with the lyrics 'Ba - by-lon — there we sat down Yeah — we wept'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass staves, clefs, time signatures, key signatures, and dynamic markings like 'mm'.

when we re-mem - bered Zi - on. By the riv - ers of For there, they that

G

carried us a-way in cap - tiv - i - ty, — re - quir - ing of us a song. Now

G C G

how shall we sing the Lord's song — in a strange land? For there, they that

D G

Group:
ah (ah)

G G

To Coda Solo: Let the

words of our mouths and the med-i - ta-tions of our hearts be ac -

cept - a - ble in thy sight here to - night. Let the

By the riv-ers of Ba - by-lon, there we sat down Yeah we

D

G D G D

G D7 G

G G G

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment.

System 1: The vocal line begins with the lyrics "wept when we re-mem-bered Zi-on. By the riv-ers of ah". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. Chord symbols "D7" and "G" are indicated below the piano part. The system concludes with a first ending bracket labeled "1" and a second ending bracket labeled "2" with the instruction "D.S. al Coda".

System 2: Marked with a Coda symbol (⌘), this system begins with the vocal line singing "(ah) By the riv-ers of Ba-by-lon,". The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. Chord symbols "G" and "G" are shown below the piano part.

System 3: The vocal line continues with "there we sat down Yeah we wept". The piano accompaniment maintains the established harmonic and rhythmic structure. Chord symbols "G" and "D7" are indicated below the piano part.

System 4: The final system, marked "Repeat to fade", contains the lyrics "when we re-mem-bered Zi-on. By the riv-ers of". The piano accompaniment concludes with a final G chord. A chord symbol "G" is placed below the piano part.